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PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Attorney Docket Number	M02B159
First Named Inventor	SCHOFIELD
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10/536,762
Filing Date	May 26, 2005
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VACUUM PUMPING ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD OF OPERATING SAME

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) December 9, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number PCT/GB2003/005377 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
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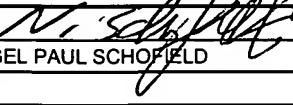
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